

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6-9 and 17 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A method for detecting interlace motion artifacts comprising:
- a) detecting a presence of multiple vertical frequencies in an image;
 - b) analyzing relative levels of the presence of multiple vertical frequencies; and
 - c) deriving an indication of a presence of motion artifacts.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
- a) determining an overall measure of image intensity and dynamic range; and
 - b) compensating the indication of the presence of motion artifacts in areas of low luminosity or contrast.
3. (Original) A method for the detection of interlaced motion artifacts comprising:
- a) obtaining eight vertically aligned luma data samples;
 - b) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a f_{\max} value;
 - c) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a $f_{\max}/2$ value; and
 - d) calculating a partial discrete fourier transform for a f_{\max} value.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:
- a) obtaining four vertically aligned luma data samples;
 - b) calculating a second f_{\max} value; and
 - c) passing the f_{\max} value, the $f_{\max}/2$ value, the $f_{\max}/4$ value and the second f_{\max} value through a filter resulting in a filtered f_{\max} value, a filtered $f_{\max}/2$ value, a filtered $f_{\max}/4$ value and a filtered second f_{\max} value.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the filtered values are obtained by:
- a) obtaining a first and second previous f_{\max} values, a current f_{\max} value and a next and second next f_{\max} values;
 - b) doubling the first previous, current and next f_{\max} values;
 - c) summing the doubled first previous, current and next f_{\max} values with the second previous and second next f_{\max} value; and
 - d) dividing the sum by 8.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled)

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10. (Original) A method for the prevention of false detection of interlace motion artifacts comprising:
- a) obtaining a plurality of f_{\max} frequency detection values;
 - b) comparing the plurality of f_{\max} frequency detection values to a threshold; and
 - c) adjusting the plurality of f_{\max} frequency detection values based upon the comparison.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the plurality of f_{\max} frequency detection values comprises a composite f_{\max} frequency detection value, a level-boosted $f_{\max}/2$ frequency detection value and a level-boosted $f_{\max}/4$ frequency detection value.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is adjusted by:
- a) comparing the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value to a first low frequency threshold;
 - b) multiplying a first low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted $f_{\max}/2$ frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value if the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is less than the first low frequency, threshold; and

- c) multiplying a second low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{\max} frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value if the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is greater than the first low frequency threshold.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is adjusted by:

- a) comparing the level-boosted $f_{\max}/4$ frequency detection value to a second low frequency threshold;
- b) multiplying a third low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted $f_{\max}/4$ frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value if the level-boosted $f_{\max}/4$ frequency detection value is less than the second low frequency threshold; and
- c) multiplying a fourth low frequency scale factor by the level-boosted f_{\max} frequency detection value and subtracting from the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value if the level-boosted $f_{\max}/4$ frequency detection value is greater than the second low frequency threshold.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising setting the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value to zero if the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is less than zero.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value is lowpass filtered.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the lowpass filtering is comprises:

- a) obtaining a first and second previous f_{\max} values, the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value and a next and second next f_{\max} values;
- b) doubling the first previous, and next f_{\max} values;
- c) octupling the composite f_{\max} frequency detection value;
- d) summing the doubled first previous f_{\max} value, the doubled next f_{\max} value, the octupled f_{\max} frequency detection value with the second previous and second next f_{\max} value; and
- e) dividing the sum by 8.

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